

view India's fast growing economy and increasing share in the international trade. Under the Programme, to be taken up for implementation in phases over a defined period, a total of 387 specific projects have been identified. Total investment involved under the Programme is Rs. 1,00,339 crores. Out of this, Rs. 55,804 crores is for the Major Ports and the balance is for the Shipping and Inland Water Transport Sectors.

In the Major Ports, 276 projects covering entire gamut of activities, namely construction/upgradation of berths, deepening of channels, rail/road connectivity projects, equipment upgradation/modernization schemes and other related schemes for creation of backup facilities have been identified to be taken up for implementation over the period upto 2011-12 under the said Programme. Out of Rs. 55,804 crores envisaged for the Major Ports, Rs. 34,505 crores is expected from private sector mainly in commercially viable projects like development and operation of berths, terminals, etc. Thus, public private partnership will be a significant mode for implementing the Programme in the Major Ports.

In the Shipping Sector, a total of 111 projects involving total investment of Rs. 44,535 crores over a period of 20 years have been identified for inclusion in the Programme. The activities covered under the Programme include tonnage acquisition, maritime training, coastal shipping, aids to navigation, shipbuilding and building up of Inland Water Transport (IWT) infrastructure.

CRF for NHAI

365. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) receives its share of accruals from the Central Road Fund (CRF) every year;

(b) if so, the quantum of CRF received by NHAI for the years 2003-04 and 2004-05; and

(c) whether many of the NHAI projects suffer for want of funds due to delay in receipt of CRF share from the Centre?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA): (a) Yes, Sir.

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(b) The funds received by NHAI from the CRF during the year 2003-04 and 2004-05 are Rs. 1993.00 crore and Rs. 1848.00 crore respectively.

(c) No, Sir.

NHDP Phase-III

366. SHRI M.V. MYSURA REDDY: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that under NHDP Phase-III Government are contemplating to develop 10,000 Km. of NHs at an estimated cost of 50 thousands crores;

(b) if so, the basis for selecting the NHs under NHDP Phase-III;

(c) whether it is a fact that Hyderabad-Mumbai NH was not included under NHDP Phase-III; and

(d) if so, the reasons for not including the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The stretches have been selected on the basis of traffic density providing connectivity to State capitals with the National Highways under National Highways Development Project Phase-I and II, providing connectivity to places of tourist and economic importance.

(c) and (d) On the Hyderabad-Mumbai section, the stretch between Mumbai to Pune is already 4-laned. Further, the Pune-Sholapur stretch is included under NHDP Phase-III.

NHDP Phase-II

†367. SHRI SURENDRA LATH: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the total length of highways in terms of kilometers proposed to be constructed under NHDP Phase-II;

(b) the total length of roads in terms of kms. constructed so far;

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